GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Ananthapuramu District – Allegations of irregularities in verification of works of "CPWS Scheme to Dharmavaram and other habitations (Phase-I) in Ananthapuramu District" taken up by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Kalyandurg Division, Ananthapuramu District against Sri V.Venkateswarulu, Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram now retired from service and Sri J.Manu Naik, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram – Charges framed – Appointment of Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Kurnool , as Inquiry Officer and Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Adoni, Kurnool District as Presenting Officer – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 183 **Dated: 20-03-2025**

Read the following:

1. Vigilance Report No.68 (C.No.724-2/V&E/E/2015), dated 22.12.2023 of Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept.
2. G.O.Ms.No.59, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.05.11.2024.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.618-619, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt.05.11.2024.
4. Lr.No.Vig(IV)/RWS&S/9079197/2024, dt.05.02.2025 of ENC, RWS&S along with WSDs from the Charged Officers.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, the G.A.(V&E) Department has reported that the project is contemplated to provide comprehensive protected water supply to 26 habitations of 9 Grama Panchayats in Bathalapalli Mandal of & Dharmavaram Constituency in Ananthapuramu District. Out of 26 habitations, 24 habitations were under network of existing Satya Sai Trust Water Supply Scheme (SSTWSS). The SSTWSS is not meeting the demand of above 26 habitations, as the scheme has become age old and most of the water from the scheme is being diverted to Puttaparthy areas. Hence, it is necessitated to design a new scheme and a detailed estimate was prepared by the Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram Sub-division taking into consideration of the useful components such as existing OHSRs to provide protected water supply to the 26 habitations, which are suffering with lack of safe drinking water. Hence the V&E officials enquired into the allegations on irregularities in verification of works of "CPWS Scheme to Dharmavaram and other habitations (Phase-I) in Ananthapuramu District" taken up by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Department, Kalyandurg Division, Ananthapuramu District and recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Venkateswarulu, Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram now retired from service and Sri J.Manu Naik, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram.

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2. After careful examination of the matter, Government have framed the Articles of Charges against above said employees by according sanction under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rule, 1980 against Sri V.Venkateswarulu, Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram, who was retired from service.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has forwarded Written Statements of Defense of all the Charged Officers wherein all the Charged Officers requested to exonerate from the charges framed against them.

4. After careful examination, Government have decided to conduct regular departmental inquiry against the Charged Officers, Sri V.Venkateswarulu, Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram, now retired from service and Sri J.Manu Naik, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Dharmavaram and accordingly hereby appoint the Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Kurnool as Inquiry Officer under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 to conduct detailed inquiry against both the Charged Officers.

5. Government also hereby appoint Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Adoni, Kurnool District, as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, appointed in para 4 above, on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

6. The Presenting Officer shall well acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Officer effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Inquiry Officer during the course of inquiry.

7. The Inquiry Officer is requested to conduct inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit his report in three (03) months, as stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.91, G.A.(Ser.C) Dept., dated 12.09.2022. Copies of charge Memos issued to the Charged Officers and written statements of defense, submitted by the Charged Officers, are furnished herewith to the Inquiry Officer as required under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Kurnool and Inquiry Officer (w.e.)
The Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Adoni, Kurnool District & Presenting Officer.

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The individuals through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

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The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR&RD, RWS&S, EFS&T.
The P.S to Prl. Secy. to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER